



GILBERT DALLDORF, M.D.

CITATION AND PRESENTATION

OF THE

ACADEMY MEDAL *

TO

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IT was just one year after Gilbert Dalldorf was born in Davenport, Iowa, that the first virus of man, that of yellow fever, was identified. This was in 1901 and thus all of the extraordinary development of virology as a science has occurred during his lifetime as, too, has the bulk of advancement in knowledge of microbiology, infectious diseases, and immune reactions.

To each of these large fields he has contributed much, as the extensive record of his many publications attests. Among his outstanding achievements are his early investigations on interference between viruses, particularly as bearing on poliomyelitis, and his discovery of the Coxsackie virus group through the first use of suckling mice as experimental hosts. Trained initially as a physician at New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical School and then as a pathologist in Freiburg and at the New York Hospital, he has devoted more than 38 years to learning more of abnormal processes and disease states in man. He is widely recognized as an authority in several fields but prefers to be identified with the broad area of experimental pathology in the sense of Claude Bernard rather than with more restricted fields of inquiry. His interests and investigations have ranged widely and have encompassed studies on bacterial infections, nutritional deficien-

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** Read on behalf of Dr. Horsfall by Dr. Howard Reid Craig.

cies, epidemics, vaccines, public health laboratories, viral diseases, and more recently, cancer. In addition to so much else, he has acquired an enviable personal reputation as an aviator, horseman, yachtsman and bibliophile.

For his dedicated efforts and his many contributions to scientific knowledge, he has already been accorded distinguished recognition. He has received honorary degrees from Bowdoin College and the University of Freiburg, as well as the Scientific Achievement Award from New York University and the Lasker Award. Among other scientific associations, he is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of The New York Academy of Medicine, and has held professorships in Albany Medical College, University of Buffalo and Cornell University Medical College.

Dr. Dalldorf, on behalf of The New York Academy of Medicine and for your contributions to the science of medicine, I have the honor of presenting to you the Academy Medal.

